

## Message Text

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R 281623Z JUL 78  
FM AMEMBASSY ROME  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4549  
INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS  
AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

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LIMDIS

E.O. 11652 GDS  
TAGS: PINS, LY, FR, IT  
SUBJECT: LIBYAN INVOLVEMENT IN TERRORIST INCIDENT

REF: STATE 189356

1. EMBASSY MADE REFTEL POINTS TO MFA MIDDLE EAST DESK.  
OFFICE CHIEF, SANTARELLI, WILL REFER OUR REQUESTS FOR  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND JOINT DEMARCHE TO "HIGHEST  
LEVELS" OF THE MINISTRY, MEETING SEC GEN MALFATTI TO START  
WITH, AND ASSURED US THEY WILL RECEIVE SERIOUS  
CONSIDERATION.

2. COMMENT. OUR JUDGEMENT, BASED ON UNOFFICIAL COMMENTS  
FROM MIDDLE EAST DESK OFFICERS AND ON SENSITIVITY AND  
IMPORTANCE OF ITALIAN RELATIONS WITH LIBYA, IS THAT GOI  
WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE EAGER TO PURSUE THIS MATTER WITH  
TRIPOLI. WHILE ITALIANS SHARE OUR DETERMINATION TO PUT  
A STOP TO TERRORISM, THEY ARE ALSO DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN  
THEIR SPECIAL RELATIONS WITH LIBYA FOR A VARIETY OF  
IMPORTANT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REASONS. THEY ARE VERY  
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LIKELY TO QUESTION THE USEFULNESS OF U.S. PARTICIPATION  
IN ANY DEMARCHE. AND THOUGH WE WILL HAVE TO WAIT FOR  
THEIR OFFICIAL RESPONSE, THEY ARE ALSO LIKELY TO SUGGEST  
THAT SINCE THE INCIDENT OCCURRED AT ONLY THE FRENCH  
SHOULD TAKE UP THE CUDGELS. GARDNER

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